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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/853,426
	Filing Date	May 10, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Takeshi Kobayashi
	Art Unit	2682
	Examiner Name	T. A. Tran
	Attorney Docket Number	H1139.0101

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☒ Enter the Amendment After Final previously filed on October 19, 2005

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

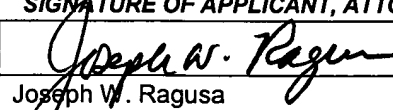
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

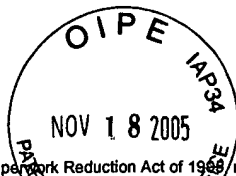
c. ☒ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
Signature		Date	November 18, 2005
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PROCESSING FEE Under 37 CFR 1.17(i) TRANSMITTAL (Fees are subject to annual revision) Send completed form to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/853,426
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Enclosed is a paper filed under 37 CFR _____ that requires a processing fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)).
Payment of \$ _____ is enclosed.

This form should be included with the above-mentioned paper and faxed or mailed to the Office using the appropriate Mail Stop, if applicable. For transmittal of petition fees under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g) or (h), see form PTO/SB/17p.

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- § 1.53(b)(3) – to convert a provisional application filed under § 1.53(c) into a nonprovisional application under § 1.53(b).
- § 1.55 – for entry of late priority papers.
- § 1.71(g)(2) – to enter an amendment to the specification for purposes of 35 U.S.C. 103(c)(2) if not filed within the cited time periods
- § 1.99(e) – for processing a belated submission under § 1.99.
- § 1.103(b) – for requesting limited suspension of action, continued prosecution application (§ 1.53(d)).
- § 1.103(c) – for requesting limited suspension of action, request for continued examination (§ 1.114).
- § 1.103(d) – for requesting deferred examination of an application.
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- § 3.81 – for a patent to issue to assignee, assignment submitted after payment of the issue fee.

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